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Ronald Smith, one of two Canadians on death row in the United States, seen here during a recent parole board hearing, will have his fate left in the hands of the Montana governor after the state's parole board is recommending Smith be denied clemency. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

No mercy for Alberta killer: Parole board

Death row. Ronald A. Smith's fate will now be determined by Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer

The parole board in Montana on Monday recommended that an Alberta man on death row be denied clemency.

Ronald A. Smith's case now goes to Gov. Brian Schweitzer, who has the final say on the matter. Smith is seeking life in prison without the possibility of parole, instead of the death sentence he now faces.

Smith is believed to be one of only two Canadians on death row in the United States.

He argues his original 1983 trial for shooting two Blackfeet cousins — in which he asked for and received the death penalty — was botched. His attorneys also have argued it is fundamentally unfair that Smith, of Red Deer, be killed while an accomplice was long ago released on parole and returned to Canada.

The Montana Parole Board earlier this month heard testimony for a full day, with Smith's family tearfully pleading for his life. But Blackfeet tribal members and family of the victims argued the execution has been postponed for too long and say it is time for Smith to pay for his crimes.

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No time limit

- The Canadian government, after some internal policy changes, is again asking Schweitzer to spare Smith's life.
- There is no time limit for a final decision from Schweitzer.

Canadian dies on Everest

The Toronto woman had hoped to fulfil a lifelong dream of raising the Maple Leaf on the summit PAGE 6

Royals make the rounds

Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, visit Ontario, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan on a four-day tour PAGE 8

Potato activists get uprooted

Urban gardeners Potatoes for the People were asked to leave private lot after Ald. John Mar learned of their cause PAGE 3

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Highway 541

Collision sends five to hospital

Four people were rushed to hospital Sunday after a serious collision in Turner Valley that RCMP say was the worst incident on a long weekend typically known for a higher rate of traffic collisions.

The accident took place on Highway 541 and involved two vehicles that collided head-on.

A westbound vehicle with three occupants was travelling in the eastbound lane when it collided with an oncoming vehicle carrying two passengers.

Four of the victims were taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital, while one was airlifted to hospital by an Alberta Forestry chopper that happened to be in the area.

Four of the passengers remained in serious condition on Monday. Police believe speed and alcohol may have played a role.

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Retraction and apology to Conrad Black

In the May 7, 2012, edition of Metro and onmetronews.ca, we published an article entitled, "Following the mogul script". That article incorrectly reported on the nature of Conrad Black's convictions. In fact, the only convictions upheld against Mr. Black were one count of obstruction of justice and one count of mail fraud.

Moreover, we retract any allegation that Mr. Black created "flimsy businesses based on fraud."

We apologize to Mr. Black for these misstatements.

Donna Clarke, organizer of Potatoes for the People, had plans to plant potatoes on the vacant lot near her home, when the police stepped in.

TESSA CLAYTON/FOR METRO

Derelict lot campaign sparks spud spat

Potato power. Group calls for city hall to devise policy on neglected private lots after community initiative shut down

TESSA CLAYTON
For Metro

A group of urban gardeners with designs on a strip of derelict private property sparked a tater tiff of sorts when they were asked to vacate the lot.

On Sunday, members of the group Potatoes for the People gathered at a vacant private lot along 17 Avenue S.W. in an effort to "beautify the neighbourhood and share food," when they got a visit from law enforcement, organizer Donna Clarke said.

Clarke lives next to the lot and, with volunteer help, painted the fence and 50 tires to house potato plants whose crops ultimately would be donated to non-profits.

But when area alderman John Mar got wind of the plan, he called the police because the group was trespassing.

"I really appreciate what the intent of it is … but the fact is you can't legally do that without the owner's permission," he said.

Clarke was issued a warning and 24-hour notice to remove everything, but questioned who should be accountable for the upkeep of derelict properties.

"This is a blighted area and people trying to take initiative are squashed down immediately," she said, adding she didn't know what the city's plan is with these kinds of spaces.

Mar told Metro he, too, wants a policy that addresses what to do with deserted land.

That would be great, Clarke retorted, but only if the end results are positive.

"It would be a real shame if this were shut down so that it can sit empty and ugly again."

Hot potato

- Both Donna Clarke and the police are trying to contact the property owner.
- The city has supported such initiatives before, but only on public land.
- Bylaw boss Bill Bruce cited the tires as a fire hazard as well.

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On the web

Earthquake

Italian cheese producer Oriano Caretti woke up to shaking earth and then to the roar of some 30,000 39-kilogram (86 lb.) wheels of Parmesan cheese crashing to the ground in the warehouse next to his home. The 6.0-magnitude quake in northern Italy killed seven people and also caused enormous damage to the region's cheese industry. To see video of the damage visit metronews.ca

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Vandals tag cars, homes and sidewalks in graffiti spree

No suspects. Police bringing in expert to evaluate signatures and styles of graffiti in McKenzie Lake area

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For Metro in Calgary

Residents of a south Calgary community were shocked Monday morning to find that unknown culprits had spray-painted graffiti on the sides of houses, mailboxes and about 18 vehicles, according to police.

Doug Button, a McKenzie Lake Way area resident and one of the graffiti victims, said he didn't even realize he had been targeted until someone pointed out that his license plate had been spray-painted blue.

Button, who has lived in the area for seven years, said he was shocked but considered himself lucky to have escaped with only markings on his license plate.

"Something like this does not happen here," Button said. "It's just vandalism, that's all it is. Kids that have nothing better to do. It's just ridiculous."

Police Insp. Mike Tillotson said the service will be bringing in an expert on graffiti, who has knowledge on specific signatures and styles used by common taggers in the city.

"At this point, we have no information on a suspect," he said.

Another resident wasn't so lucky. Rocco Ciancio arrived back from an out-of-town trip to find police outside his house and the words "Regret!" and "Shady" adorned across his wooden garage door in big black and blue letters.

"It's a pain ... painting a garage door is something I'm going to have to do now," he said.

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Quoted

"It's just vandalism, that's all it is. Kids that have nothing better to do. It's just ridiculous."
Doug Button, resident

McKenzie Lake Way resident Rocco Ciancio stands in front of his garage door, which was the target of an overnight graffiti spree in the neighbourhood.
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Crowd funding to raise money for DTD research

From left, U of C researchers Aiden Arnold, Giuseppe Iaria and Clayton Ford Burle are engaging members of the public to raise funds for Developmental Topographical Disorientation. CONTRIBUTED/RILEY BRANDT

University of Calgary psychology professor Giuseppe Iaria, along with graduate students Aiden Arnold and Ford Burles, are using a new funding model to raise money for their research study of Development Topographical Disorientation (DTD).

For the month of May, the research team is participating in an online crowdfunding campaign called scifundchallenge.org, which allows the public to browse through global research projects and donate money to fund these projects.

Arnold said the money raised through the SciFund campaign will help develop a child-friendly video game designed to identify spatial disorientation in its early stages — a possible contributing factor for the development of DTD — so they can lead healthy, active lives.

Identified by Iaria in 2009, DTD is a cognitive deficits condition in adults with no known clinical causes, Arnold said.

People who suffer from DTD get lost in highly familiar surroundings, such as their homes, neighbourhoods or workplace.

"It's a lifelong condition that is pretty stable," Arnold said. "They can't form a mental representation of their environment, or what we call a cognitive map of their surroundings."

For more information and to donate to the project visit rockethub.com/projects.

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Inn From the Cold

Volunteer no-shows have real impact

Inn From the Cold volunteer Sarah Fayyaz has been left with a bad taste in her mouth after a recent incident with the non-profit close to her heart.

Fayyaz, 43, has volunteered for more than a year with the Inn.

Fayyaz told Metro a volunteer group scheduled to help with a dinner service never showed, meaning she and staff had to feed the 60-odd diners themselves.

"Having a volunteer team not show up is very stressful," she said.

"It's a very important job the volunteers perform."

While she understands conflicts arise, she thinks more could be done to organize everyone.

Other non-profits have also confirmed they've had this problem too; it's very rare but it impacts the organization and those they serve.

"Our volunteers are really important — they are what allow us to keep doing the programs and services we're able to provide," said Alyssa Burnham of the Mustard Seed.

Janet Burstall of Volunteer Calgary offered up suggestions for what groups can do to combat the problem of absentee volunteers.

"I think one thing organizations can do is make it really clear what those expectations are and what the impact is if the volunteer isn't able to show up," she said. "I think we can do a better job as organizations (in that)."

TESSA CLAYTON/FOR METRO

Protesters hold signs at a rally in Fort McMurray on May 5. Organizers say almost 2,000 people gathered to push the Alberta government to quickly finish twinning Highway 63, a dangerous single-lane road that was the scene of a horrific crash last month in which seven people died. CARL LONGE/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Minister wants deadly highway fixed 'yesterday'

Trip. Premier scheduled to meet with Fort McMurray officials today.

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After taking a ride on Alberta's ill-fated Highway 63 over the long weekend, the provincial transportation minister says he wants the busy stretch fixed "yesterday."

Ric McIver, a former Calgary alderman who was recently entrusted with the transportation portfolio by Premier Alison Redford, said he wanted to gain firsthand knowledge of where problem areas exist on the highway running from Edmonton to Fort McMurray. "It's a good road when it's not busy, I can see that," he said Monday.

Quoted

"This is something people have been fighting for, for a very long time."

Nicole Auser, demonstration organizer.

But it's when the single-lane highway becomes crowded that tragedy occurs, such as a crash last month that killed seven people. The province has pledged to twin the road, but critics say it has taken far too long and thousands turned up for a protest earlier this month demanding action.

Nicole Auser, who helped organize the demonstration, deemed McIver's commitment to finding solutions a breath of fresh air. She said residents in the area have also noticed a renewed devotion to construction on the highway.

"This is something people have been fighting for, for a very long time," she said.

McIver said Highway 63 is near the top of his priority list as he continues to familiarize himself with Alberta's transportation system as a whole.

"I can tell you there are a lot of people doing a lot of work right now preparing to find ways to accelerate the process," he said of the twinning.

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Accident. Girl struck by SUV in Beddington area

Paramedics were called to the Beddington Heights area in the northeast on Monday afternoon after an SUV vehicle struck a young girl.

The girl was taken to the Alberta Children's Hospital in serious but stable condition.

No one else was injured and the girl did not have to be extricated out from under the SUV, even though it did come over top of her somewhat.

It's not known if charges will be laid against the driver at this point.

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By the numbers:

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Age of the girl involved in the collision, who was taken by paramedics to the hospital in serious, but stable condition

Crime. Brawl involved 100 people, police say

Ten police units responded early Monday to what is being described as a brawl involving approximately 100 people.

The violence occurred after a large group poured out of the Ubu Lounge in the 600 block of 1st Street S.W. around 2:30 a.m., according to police.

Reports from the scene indicated belts and bottles were being used as weapons, but police Insp. Mike Tillotson said investigators are still working to determine what caused the confrontation.

"The people that did stick around on scene were less than co-operative," he said.

Calls placed to the Ubu Lounge were not immediately returned Monday and there were no indications of a fight around the outside of the restaurant.

No charges have been laid. METRO

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Royal tour starts with some recollection and reflection

Quick trip. Prince Charles remembers time in New Brunswick before couple takes off for Toronto

The royal couple kicked off their Canadian tour Monday in New Brunswick, where Prince Charles recalled his time training as a military pilot, extolled the virtues of service and in a scene reminiscent of his son's visit last year, played a pick-up game of street hockey.

But unlike Prince William, Charles scored.

It was an unconventional kickoff for the couple's whirlwind visit — Charles's 16th to Canada — which began in earnest at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, where he flew as a naval helicopter pilot in the 1970s "at an exercise area in the middle of nowhere," drawing a smattering of laughter from a crowd of about 800.

He also praised those who devote their time serving their communities — a prominent theme of the couple's visit as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations this year.

"I can only hope their example will inspire others as it inspires me," Charles said.

He also met with families of military personnel who have died.

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Itinerary

- On Tuesday, the Ontario government will host a reception in the historic Distillery District for the royal couple before Charles visits a downtown street mission.
- They will leave Toronto on Tuesday evening for Regina.

Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, sample maple syrup as they tour Saint John, N.B., on Monday. The royal couple is on a four-day Canadian tour with stops in New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec student group calls for a summer of protest

Protesters opposing Quebec student tuition fee hikes demonstrate in Montreal on Sunday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec's largest student group has vowed to defy the Quebec government's new emergency law, calling for a summer of protests and acts of civil disobedience.

The C.L.A.S.S.E., the more radical of the province's three main student associations, declared Monday it would continue to encourage protests even if it meant it would lead to harsh financial penalties under the province's Bill 87.

"The special law won't kill the student movement," spokesman Gabrielle Nadeau-Dubois said at a news conference on Monday.

"The fundamental rights under threat today need to be defended."

The student group called for protests at least until classes, which were suspended under the legislation, resume in August. It also launched an appeal for financial assistance for a legal challenge against Bill 78 and to help pay for any fines incurred under the new legislation.

While a recent poll suggested the majority of Quebecers were in favour of the law, the government continues to face stiff opposition from those who argue it's an affront on civil liberties.

Bill and consequences

- Bill 78 lays out regulations for demonstrations over 50 people, including giving eight hours' notice for a protest itinerary
- Penalties for not complying range between $7,000 and $35,000 for a student leader.

A massive demonstration is planned for Tuesday afternoon to mark 100 days since the first group of students walked out of class. A coalition of 140 community groups and unions encouraged people to join the demonstration to denounce the tuition increases and the legislation.

Meanwhile, the international hacker group Anonymous hacked into the Quebec government public security's website today, the latest in a series of apparent cyber attacks against the province. A post on the hacked web page warned the government to be fearful of the group.

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Chinese activist unable to aid those who helped him: Mentor

Getaway. Blind activist now in N.Y. after fleeing village where he was under house arrest for seven years

A blind Chinese activist who arrived in New York over the weekend is "seriously troubled" about three people now at the mercy of Chinese authorities for helping him, his mentor said Monday.

"This is what's very much on Chen's mind: His inability to provide protection to people who were key in protecting him," New York University law professor Jerome Cohen, a mentor to Chen Guangcheng, told The Associated Press.

After Chen fled his village last month, his nephew was arrested and charged with intent to commit homicide — for stabbing and wounding attackers who were beating up the young man's parents, Cohen said.

Chen is asking Chinese authorities to release the nephew, Chen Kegui, who Cohen said is not allowed to speak to anyone while in police custody.

Kegui had "attempted to defend himself against thugs who invaded his house and beat up his parents," Cohen said, adding that the action was in retaliation for Chen's departure "without warning or permission."

"This is standard stuff in his village," Cohen said. "This is what Chen was protesting."

Cohen told AP the dissident is also very concerned about what will happen to two others who helped him — a woman who drove his getaway van and a legal scholar who cared for Chen and who Cohen says is now under house arrest.

"I've known Chen a long time and I can see he's seriously troubled," Cohen said.

The woman, He Peihong, had never met Chen when she secretly drove to his village, picked him up in a van "and delivered him to Mr. Guo."

Yushan Guo, a Chinese academic, helped Chen when he got to Beijing. When Chen changed his mind about staying in China, Guo helped him put out a statement "that clarified what his thoughts were," Cohen said.

Guo was picked up by police, detained and interrogated, but was released.

"But now that Chen is away, they're going back and putting Guo under severe house arrest," Cohen said.

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In the U.S.

Law professor Jerome Cohen noted U.S. authorities are aware of Chen's concern for his inner circle in China. "We hope these cases can be solved in a fair and open manner," Cohen said.

Blind Chinese legal activist Chen Guangcheng arrives with his wife, Yuan Weijing, at Washington Square Village on the campus of New York University on Saturday. Chen escaped in April from his village in China, where he had been under house arrest. LOUIS LANZANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man in Motion in the home stretch

Rick Hansen waves as traditional Musqueam drummers guide him onto the Musqueam reserve in Vancouver on Monday. This year's relay is the 25th anniversary of Rick Hansen's Man In Motion World Tour and will wrap up in Vancouver on Tuesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dossier. RCMP eyed philosopher Sartre during Quebec political upheaval

Canadian spies closely eyed existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, tracking his planned trip to Quebec in support of people arrested during a crackdown on separatist threats, newly released documents show.

The declassified Royal Canadian Mounted Police dossier on Sartre also reveals that Mountie intelligence officers pored over translations of the French writer's pronouncements, monitored his links to the peace movement and noted the academic rebel's brushes with the law.

The two-volume file, spanning 234 pages, was obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act from Library and Archives Canada.

Personal files compiled by the RCMP security branch, a forerunner of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, can be made public 20 years after a person's death. Portions of Sartre's file remain secret.

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White House. New procedure established in targeting terror leaders

White House counterterror chief John Brennan has seized the lead in guiding the debate on which terror leaders will be targeted for drone attacks or raids, establishing a new procedure to vet both military and CIA targets.

The move concentrates power over the use of lethal U.S. force outside war zones at the White House.

The process, which is about a month old, means Brennan's staff consults the Pentagon, the State Department and other agencies as to who should go on the list, making a previous military-run review process in place since 2009 less relevant, according to two current and three former U.S. officials aware of the evolution in how the government targets terrorists.

In describing Brennan's arrangement to The Associated Press, the officials provided the first detailed description of the military's previous review process that set a schedule for killing or capturing terror leaders around the Arab world and beyond. They spoke on condition of anonymity because U.S. officials are not allowed to publicly describe the classified targeting program.

One senior administration official argues that Brennan's move adds another layer of review that augments rather than detracts from the Pentagon's role. The official says that in fact there will be more people at the table making the decisions, including representatives from every agency involved in counterterrorism, before they are reviewed by senior officials and ultimately the president.

The CIA's process remains unchanged, but never included the large number of interagency players the Pentagon brought to the table for its debates. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pentagon

30

Under the old Pentagon-run review, If a target isn't captured or killed within 30 days after he is chosen, his case must be reviewed to see if he's still a threat.

Misconduct

DEA personnel face investigation

The Justice Department inspector general's office is investigating possible misconduct by Drug Enforcement Administration personnel in Colombia unrelated to the Cartagena Secret Service incident.

CBS News reported that three DEA agents were under investigation for allegedly hiring prostitutes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Jersey

Muslim leaders to talk surveillance with official

New Jersey Muslim leaders who attended a March meeting with the state's attorney general say they've been invited back this week.

The meeting will focus on the state's response to revelations that the NYPD conducted secret surveillance of Muslims in New Jersey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hidden bomb kills 96 Yemeni soldiers at parade rehearsal

Yemen. Al-Qaida claims responsibility, says bomber was targeting Yemen's defence minister

Forensic policemen collect evidence at the site of a suicide-bomb attack at a parade square in Sanaa, Yemen, Monday. Officials say the bombing is one of the deadliest attacks in the city in months. HANI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Yemeni soldier detonated a bomb hidden in his military uniform during a rehearsal for a military parade, killing 96 fellow soldiers and wounding at least 200 on Monday in one of the deadliest attacks in the capital in years.

Al-Qaida's branch in Yemen claimed responsibility, saying in an emailed statement that the suicide attack was intended to avenge a U.S.-backed offensive against al-Qaida in a swath of southern Yemen seized by the militant movement last year.

The bombing left a scene of carnage, with scores of bleeding soldiers lying on the ground as ambulances rushed to the scene. Several severed heads were on the pavement amid large pools of blood and human remains.

"This is a real massacre," said Ahmed Sobhi, one of the soldiers who witnessed the blast. "This is unbelievable. I am still shaking. The place turned into hell. I thought this only happens in movies.''

Al-Qaida said the bomber was targeting Yemen's defence minister, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Nasser Ahmed, who had arrived at the heavily secured city square to greet the assembled troops just minutes before the blast ripped through the area. He was unhurt.

Khaled Ali, another soldier, said the explosion was followed by heavy gunfire.

The bombing comes as Yemeni President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi has been pressing ahead on two difficult fronts — battling al-Qaida in the south and purging loyalists of ousted leader Ali Abdullah Saleh from military and security top posts.

Saleh stepped down in February as part of a U.S.-backed, power-transfer deal brokered by Gulf Arab countries aimed at ending political unrest in the country after a yearlong uprising. The deal gave Saleh immunity from prosecution in return for relinquishing his power.

Saleh originally appointed Ahmed to lead the defence ministry but recently has pressed from behind the scenes for his dismissal because Ahmed has been cooperating with Hadi.

Military officials said the bomber belonged to the Central Security, a paramilitary force commanded by Saleh's nephew Yahia Saleh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Other attacks

Yemen, the ancestral homeland of Osama bin Laden, has been the site of several major attacks, including:

- The 2000 bombing of the USS Cole, which killed 17 American sailors.
- Several assaults on the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, including a 2008 bombing that killed 10 Yemeni guards and four civilians.

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Many still relying on dial-up

Online access. Thousands of Canadians rely on dial-up connections, mainly in rural areas

Still waiting

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Surveys by the Media Technology Monitor suggest about three per cent of the population was using dial-up Internet in 2011.

The next time you get frustrated because a website refuses to load instantly, or a streaming video has to buffer for a few seconds, think of the surprisingly large number of Canadians still on dial-up.

According to a few different estimates, there are hundreds of thousands of Canadians still travelling the information superhighway in the slow lane, who only get online after waiting for a series of bleeps, piercing shrieks and blurts of static to be belted out by their dial-up modem.

"It's pretty dramatic," says Ross Kouhi, executive director for the National Capital FreeNet, a donation-driven service that provides free or inexpensive dial-up access to about 3,600 users in the Ottawa area. "As you're demonstrating it to somebody it's always a little surprising to see just how slow things load."

The CRTC estimated that in 2010, there were about 366,000 dial-up customers across the country.

In rural communities, dial-up is the only way to get online. In 2010, the CRTC estimated that five per cent of the population had no access to high-speed Internet, with that rate nearing 16 per cent in rural areas.

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An old 56k dial-up modem is shown in a computer rack with more modern components. GRAEME ROY/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Low-cost access

Brazil doubles broadband connections

Brazil's president says the nation has nearly doubled its high-speed Internet connections in the past year.

President Dilma Rousseff says there are now 72 million such connections in Latin America's largest nation. She says six million families have signed up for low-cost high-speed Internet access through the government's four-year, $6-billion National Broadband Plan.

The government aims to have 40 million households hooked up through the plan by 2014.

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Project stalled

Cuba's Internet still lagging behind

Ten months after an undersea fiber-optic cable was supposed to have improved Cuba's lagging online system, the Internet access in the country remains the slowest in the hemisphere.

While the project is rarely mentioned, people talk quietly about embezzlement torpedoing the project and the arrest of more than a half-dozen senior telecom officials Perhaps most maddening, nobody has explained what happened to the much-ballyhooed $70-million project. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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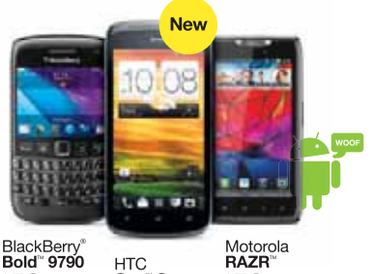

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Toronto-area woman one of four to die descending Mount Everest

'Death-zone' crowding. Brief window of good weather leads to traffic jam in feared stretch at top of mountain

Shriya Shah-Klorfine, right, died during her descent from Mount Everest. ABOVE: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; RIGHT: FACEBOOK.COM

A Canadian woman has died pursuing her dream of scaling Mount Everest. Shriya Shah-Klorfine, of Toronto, was among three people who died while descending from the summit Saturday in what are being described as overcrowded conditions.

"My wife was someone who lived life to its fullest, with irrepressible energy and vitality," her husband Bruce Klorfine said in a statement.

Shah-Klorfine, 33, was believed to be the first South Asian woman from Canada to try to raise the Canadian flag on Everest. Born in Kathmandu, Nepal, Shah-Klorfine grew up in Mumbai, India and moved to Canada to be with her husband.

The death toll raised concerns about overcrowding in what's known as the "death zone" at the top of Everest.

An estimated 150 climbers tried to reach the top Friday and Saturday as they rushed to use a brief window of good weather in an otherwise troubled climbing season. Many had been waiting at a staging camp for several days for their chance to head to the summit.

Two of those who died were believed to have suffered exhaustion and altitude sickness. The other victims were German doctor Eberhard Schaaf, South Korean Song Won-bin and Chinese climber Wang-yi Fa. A Sherpa guide was listed as missing Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Living life to the fullest

"She died in the pursuit of her dreams, and with the satisfaction of having achieved them."

Bruce Klorfine, husband of Shriya Shah-Klorfine

Quake in north Italy kills seven

A magnitude 6.0 earthquake shook northern Italy early Sunday, killing at least seven people and toppling some buildings.

The quake struck early Sunday morning between Modena and Mantova, about 35 kilometres north-northwest of Bologna.

Cheese producer Oriano Caretti woke up to the shaking earth, and then to the roar of 30,000 39-kilogram wheels of Parmesan cheese crashing to the ground in the warehouse next to his home.

The 6.0 magnitude quake toppled centuries-old buildings and caused enormous damage to the region's world-renowned cheese production. The Coldiretti Italian farm lobby said 400,000 wheels of Parmesan and Grana Padano cheese were damaged when the racks where they are aged collapsed.

Total agriculture losses, including lost cheese, felled livestock and damaged machinery in the agriculturally rich Po River Valley are estimated at $200 million US.

Four of the seven dead were workers on the overnight shift who were buried in rubble. The other three victims — including a German tourist and an Italian centenarian — died of heart attacks or other health conditions brought on by fear. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oriano Caretti looks at overturned shelves of Parmesan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Birth-control battle leads to lawsuits

Catholic counterattack.
Religious institutions sue Obama administration over required health-plan coverage

Dozens of Roman Catholic dioceses, schools and other institutions sued the Obama administration Monday over a government mandate requiring most employers to provide birth control coverage as part of their employee health plans.

The lawsuits filed in federal courts around the U.S. represent the largest push against the mandate since President Barack Obama announced the policy in January. Among those suing are the University of Notre Dame, the Archdioceses of Washington and New York, the Michigan Catholic Conference and the Catholic University of America.

"We have tried negotiation with the administration and legislation with the Congress, and we'll keep at it, but there's still no fix," said New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Time is running out."

The U.S. Health and Human Services Department adopted the rule to improve health care for women. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"Our valuable ministries and fundamental rights hang in the balance, so we have to resort to the courts now."

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

President Barack Obama appears at the close of the NATO summit on Monday in Chicago. His administration is being sued over a government mandate on health-plan coverage for birth control. JOHN GRESS/GETTY IMAGES

Man survives Niagara plunge

Emergency officials rescue a man who plunged over Niagara Falls and survived in an apparent suicide attempt on Monday. The man is only the third person known to have gone over without a safety device and live. A waiting helicopter flew him to Hamilton General Hospital, where a spokeswoman says he has critical but non-life-threatening injuries. HARRY ROSSETANI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Familial fraud

Man who posed as his dead mom gets over 13 years

A New York man who dressed up like his dead mother in a bizarre real estate fraud has been sentenced to more than 13 years behind bars. Thomas Parkin was convicted May 3 on charges including grand larceny and mortgage fraud. He was sentenced Monday to 13 2/3 to 41 years in prison. Prosecutors say when Parkin's mother died in 2003 and the Brooklyn house she owned was sold at a foreclosure auction, Parkin pretended his mother was still alive and sued the new owners. They also say he collected $44,000 US in his mother's social security cheques and doctored her death certificate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suffering for his art

Artist arrested after installation mistaken for bomb

A Japanese-born artist who was setting up an I Love New York-themed public art display in Brooklyn was arrested after the wired contraption was mistaken for an explosive device.

Takeshi Miyakawa, a visual artist and furniture designer, was arrested Saturday after placing the installation in two separate areas of the same New York City neighbourhood. His lawyer and employer both called the arrest a misunderstanding. The installations consisted of plastic bags bearing the classic I Love New York logo; the bags contained batteries and were suspended from metal rods attached to trees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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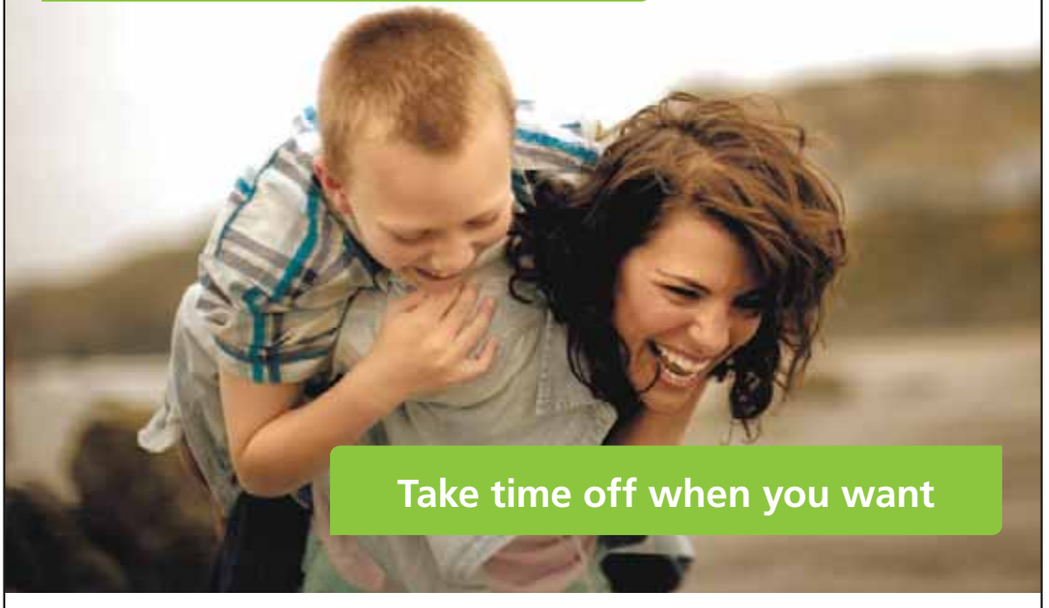

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No Canadian boots on Afghan soil after 2014, Harper says

Afghanistan. 'If you asked me frankly, would I wish it was earlier? I would say yes,' said Harper at NATO summit

Canada's military involvement in Afghanistan will come to a firm end in March 2014, the prime minister said Monday at the close of the NATO summit.

Though Canada will continue to financially support the Afghan army, there will be no boots on the ground once the NATO-led mission there comes to a close, Stephen Harper said.

"The time has come," Harper said. "All the benchmarks, all the milestones are being met to make this possible."

The announcement came as NATO and its partner nations formally agreed that Afghan security forces would take control of any combat next summer with NATO sliding into a support role until 2014.

They expressed confidence in the ability of Afghan security forces to take the lead a year earlier than originally planned.

"Transition means the people of Afghanistan increasingly see their own army and police in their towns and villages," NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said.

"This is an important sign of progress toward our shared goal: An Afghanistan governed and secured by Afghans."

The arc of Harper's views on Afghanistan might have been summed in his body language as he and other NATO leaders began their final day of meetings. Harper was once the strongest proponent of the war in Afghanistan, but at the meeting he rocked back and forth in his chair and didn't even bother to stifle a yawn.

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Security

$4.1B

It is estimated that it will cost $4.1 billion per year for Afghanistan to run its security forces once the NATO-led coalition pulls out in 2014.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper sits in front of ministers Peter MacKay, left, and John Baird. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New Jersey

Two Canadian women fatally stabbed in botched robbery

Two Canadian women were fatally stabbed Monday during a botched robbery in a southern New Jersey resort community.

The victims, ages 47 and 80, were both stabbed multiple times in the upper body. Both died a short time after at a hospital.

Sgt. Monica McMenamin, an Atlantic City police spokeswoman, said Antoinette Pelzer, 44, was arrested around 10 a.m., just moments after the robbery occurred.

Pelzer initially was charged with two counts of aggravated assault and weapons offences. But Atlantic County prosecutor Ted Housel said she would likely face more serious charges following the victims' deaths.

Housel said a city police officer who happened to be patrolling in the area witnessed the stabbing and quickly subdued Pelzer at gunpoint on a block not far from the city's casino district.

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Jenna Talackova, pictured here, is now seen as a civil rights champion. CHRIS YOUNG/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Talackova happy as advocate despite Miss Universe loss

History-making candidacy.
Transgender beauty queen falls just outside the winner's circle — makes the top 12

Transgender trailblazer Jenna Talackova lost her bid to become Miss Universe Canada over the weekend, but said Sunday that her appearance has awarded her a much more meaningful role as a civil rights champion.

"I never thought I would be wearing (the) crown of an advocate and it feels really good, I feel very honoured," Talackova said one day after losing the Miss Universe Canada title to fellow Vancouverite Sahar Biniaz.

"I was training for eight months, I was very dedicated and all of a sudden I was disqualified and for something that was so unjust. And now I'm a heroine in a lot of people's eyes and it's just made me so humbled and I wake up pinching myself," she said.

The Vancouver blonde fell just short of the winner's circle Saturday night, when she was cut after making the Top 12. Talackova said Sunday she was "a little bummed out" for a few seconds, but quickly put the race behind her and felt grateful for the chance to compete and raise awareness of gender inequality.

Born Walter Talackova, the 23-year-old holistic nutrition student underwent sex change surgery four years ago. She was initially barred from competing until pageant owner Donald Trump allowed her to take part.

Despite the high-profile battle, Talackova said she's gained strength and self-esteem.

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Miss Civil Rights

"She's become a civil rights pioneer and we're very proud of her. Even if she didn't win (Miss Universe Canada) she's still a winner in my book. She's still won in the important civil rights battle which, I think, is frankly even more important than the crown of Miss Universe Canada," said Talackova's lawyer Gloria Allred.

- **Talackova said she hopes the rest of the world will open more doors to transgender people and that she can inspire pageant hopefuls to follow their dreams.**
- **"All I can say is practice, embrace your individuality and give it your best shot," she said.**

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Strauss-Kahn. French prosecutor investigating rape allegations

A French prosecutor on Monday opened a preliminary investigation into allegations of rape in a Washington hotel by former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn.

The move by the prosecutor in Lille, northern France, followed a request by investigating judges earlier this month to broaden a suspected prostitution probe to examine the claims of rape in December 2010.

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Lille probe

- Strauss-Kahn is already a target in the Lille prostitution probe, which has mushroomed over the past year into a nationwide scandal. He is facing preliminary charges of alleged aggravated pimping, based on accusations by other people questioned in the investigation.

Jury selection

Accused in Fort Hood bomb plot wears mask at trial

A soldier accused of planning to bomb American troops stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, wore a mask in court for the first time Monday as jury selection began in his federal trial.

Pfc. Naser Jason Abdo is accused of planning to bomb a Killeen restaurant filled with Fort Hood soldiers last summer.

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2012 Games relay

Olympic torch briefly snuffed

The Olympic torch was briefly snuffed out Monday during the relay leading up to the London 2012 Games.

The torch was attached to the side of Para-badminton player David Follett's wheelchair in the western England town of Great Torrington when the flame went out. Organizers blamed the incident on a malfunctioning burner.

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Bus falls off cliff in Albania, at least 12 dead

School trip. Prime Minister Sali Berisha sent condolences to the families of the dead

A bus carrying university students on a pre-graduation trip toppled off a mountain cliff in southern Albania on Monday, killing 12 people and injuring another 21, authorities said.

University officials said two buses had been taking 75 third-year language and literature students and three professors from Aleksander Xhuvani University in the city of Elbasan on a trip to the southern city of Saranda.

One bus carrying 33 people fell 80 metres off the road near the town of Himare, 220 kilometres south of the capital, Tirana, a police spokeswoman said.

The cause of the crash was unclear. Albanian media quoted one of the passengers and a resident near the crash site as saying the bus had been going very fast. Albania's transport minister also said the road had been recently repaired.

Fourteen of the injured students were in serious condition and were flown by helicopter to Tirana's military hospital. One died on the way, raising the death toll to 12. Local prefect Edmond Velcani said the bus driver was among the dead.

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Grieving

- The government declared a national day of mourning Tuesday, with flags at half-mast and public television broadcasting classical music. It will also pay all funeral expenses.

The bus that was carrying university students lies at the bottom of a cliff near Himare, southern Albania, on Monday.

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Ottawa resisted shaming Russia in spy scandal

Measured response. Alienating Russia could have potentially set off tit-for-tat diplomatic expulsions, sources say

Sub.-Lt. Jeffery Paul Delisle
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The Harper government had a host of military and possibly commercial reasons for not blaming and shaming Russia in the aftermath of an embarrassing spy scandal involving a junior intelligence officer, a series of internal briefings suggest.

The case of Sub-Lt. Jeffery Delisle, which exploded across the front pages in January, has largely disappeared into a black hole of secrecy and court-ordered silence that even a Wall Street Journal story failed to dislodge last spring.

The New York-based publication recently quoted U.S. intelligence sources saying Delisle's breach in communications secrets was roughly as big in volume as the notorious U.S. data loss to WikiLeaks.

Yet, the Harper government has remained mute, even in the face of suggestions the case caused a major rift with Washington.

Several sources within the government and the military say there was a vigorous debate within the halls of power about whether to call out the former Cold War adversary over Delisle, whose case has been adjourned until June 13 while his lawyer awaits security-washed documents.

A small cadre of cabinet ministers, notably Defence Minister Peter MacKay, argued for a measured, nuanced response to the crisis, which continues to have the potential to cause serious strains among allies, said the sources.

The Conservatives have previously shown no hesitation to paint Moscow as a bogey man, especially when it comes to justifying their military buildup in the Arctic.

The rivalry over Arctic boundaries is being driven by the suggestion of mineral wealth under the melting polar sea. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Facebook stock sinks below IPO price on Day 2

Social network. Website loses nearly $10 billion of its market value

Facebook's stock tumbled well below its $38 US IPO price in the social network's second day of trading as a public company on Monday.

By late afternoon, Facebook's stock was at $34.26, down 10.4 per cent from Friday's closing price of $38.23. The company lost nearly $10 billion of its market value, and is now worth around $96 billion, about $2 billion below Amazon.com Inc.

"There must have been some sober second thoughts about this," said Brian Wieser, an analyst at Pivotal Research Group who was first to come out with a "Sell" rating on Facebook's stock on Friday.

It's not that he thinks the world's largest online social network is a bad investment. But at $38 per share, it's just too expensive considering the risks associated with Facebook's brief history and unproven advertising model, he says. His fair price, or "target price," is $30.

Initial public offerings are a delicate game of supply and demand. The investment banks orchestrating the transaction, the deal's underwriters, work with the company to decide how much stock to sell and at what price.

In Facebook's case, says Michael Pachter, an analyst with Wedbush Securities, the "underwriters gave FB poor advice, and allowed them to sell too much stock, then didn't properly sell the deal."

Investors and technology-industry watchers are closely tracking the Menlo Park, Calif.-based company's shares. Facebook's initial public stock offering was one of the most anticipated ever, and now serves as a bellwether for other social-media companies.

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Opening day

Facebook's market debut Friday suffered some hiccups.

- Trading on the Nasdaq was delayed for a half-hour due to issues with traders' orders.
- Although many had hoped for a big first day, Facebook's stock opened Friday at $42.05 and fluctuated between $45 and $38 throughout the day before closing at $38.23.

Status update: Married

Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan got married in Palo Alto, Calif., Saturday. The ceremony took place in Zuckerberg's backyard before fewer than 100 guests, who all thought they were there to celebrate Chan's graduation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Space rocket

Three, two...wait

Private rocket-maker SpaceX is shooting for a Tuesday liftoff after fixing the engine problem that led to a launch abort over the weekend.

The U.S. company is the first private business to attempt to launch a spacecraft with supplies to the International Space Station.

Forecasters say there's an 80 per cent chance the weather in Cape Canaveral will co-operate.

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Market Minute

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TSX Closed

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AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY: ONE DESPERATE COTTAGE GUEST

SHE SAYS...
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With the Victoria Day long weekend behind us, the summer season has officially begun.

City dwellers delight in the mass exodus that takes place each sun-filled weekend as urbanites pack up their coolers and head out of town. As a national pastime, cottaging (a uniquely Canadian verb) is on par with wearing plaid shirts and truly believing that this is the year that our team will bring home the Stanley Cup.

I was never one of those fortunate people whose parents invested in a piece of summer property — yes, I know #firstworldproblem. Consequently, I've had to make some strategic moves to expand my social circle so that I might have a chance to experience the great outdoors while still enjoying the luxuries of indoor plumbing.

A few years ago, I was unreasonably disappointed when my good friend broke up with her long-time boyfriend whose family owned 3,000 square-feet of lakefront paradise and not one, but two boats. Sure they were never meant to last, but couldn't she have waited until after Thanksgiving? He had a water trampoline for crying out loud.

Cottage, anyone?

Over time, as friends have moved on and moved away, I've found the number of annual cottage invites dwindling. And so, I'm going to take this opportunity to make a case for myself as the BEST cottage guest you never asked for.

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First of all, I have already assembled what I imagine to be the ultimate summer 2012 music playlist. You won't have to go through the hassle of finding the perfect ratio of party anthems to mid-afternoon nap jams. But if you just want to listen to Call Me Maybe on repeat I'm also totally OK with that.

I have spent years acquiring Canadiana-inspired outfits to wear for all sorts of cabin-in-the-woods-themed weekends. My wardrobe is starting to look like a Hudson's Bay Co. catalogue.

I'll happily spend the afternoon running to and from the beer fridge to ensure that all cottage-goers are staying properly hydrated. And when the rain clouds roll in, I have you covered with a seriously large collection of board games. Twister, Scattegories, Taboo, Scrabble … boredom is not an option when I come to visit.

Finally, I deserve a getaway. A family of skunks — yes, skunks — recently took up residence underneath the house I live in. And since I'm in a basement apartment, this essentially means I have Pepe Le Pew and friends living in the wall behind my couch.

So if you've got a deck chair to spare this summer, I could use a weekend escape.

Use the buddy system if you have a cottage, please. ISTOCK

Not quite a total eclipse

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Rare occurrence

When sun and moon align

Hikers watch an annular eclipse from Papago Park in Phoenix on Sunday.

The annular eclipse, in which the moon passes in front of the sun leaving only a golden ring around its edges, was visible to wide areas across China, Japan and elsewhere in the region before moving across the Pacific to be seen in parts of the western United States late Sunday afternoon.

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Astronomy 101

14,000

The eclipse followed a narrow 14,000-kilometre path for 3 1/2 hours. The ring phenomenon lasted about five minutes, depending on the location. People outside the narrow band for prime viewing saw a partial eclipse.

In Japan

Even lemurs react to marvellous sight

A Japanese zoo said the eclipse made lemurs believe it was evening.

Some 20 lemurs at the Japan Monkey Center in central Japan skipped breakfast, climbed up and jumped between trees and poles, a typical evening behaviour, according to the zoo. They returned to normal after the eclipse.

"They must be reacting to the eclipse," zoo director Akira Kato told public broadcaster NHK.

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Enjoy responsibly

- **'Ring of fire'** eclipses are not as dramatic as a total eclipse, when the disc of the sun is entirely blocked by the moon. The moon is too far from Earth and appears too small in the sky to blot out the sun completely.
- **Doctors and education officials** have warned of eye injuries from improper viewing. Before the event started, Japan's education minister demonstrated how to use eclipse glasses in a televised news conference.

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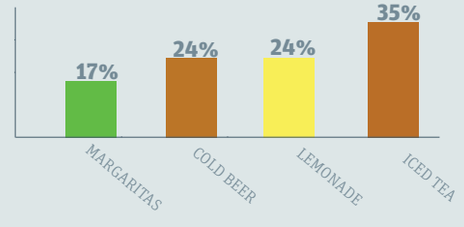
With the warm weather on its way, what's your favourite summer drink?



Twitter

@Idesautels: Mayday tree blossoms, light breeze, cloud cover and somewhat warm. Is it really the May long weekend in #yyc?

@heathey: #STARS air ambulance just flew in from the west too...hate seeing that :-(#yyc

@VinnyWeir: Why does the #yyc #zoo security guard appear to be wearing a bullet proof vest? #justsayin

@Sarah_Fayyaz: I can't read an article about our PM now without seeing the image of that naked portrait in my mind's eye. Gross! # #yyc #myburningeyes

@dasmitty24: Just landed in the #YYC. Where is the sun?

@mrherrmann: Enjoyed the @KeisterFamily fiddlers here at Calaway Park! #YYC Happy #VictoriaDay! Canada

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Box office

Avengers still has muscle

The Avengers continues to muscle out everything else Hollywood throws at it, easily sinking naval rival Battleship and other new releases. With $55.1 million domestically, Disney's superhero sensation remained No. 1 for a third-straight weekend. Overseas, The Avengers added an additional $56 million. The film is approaching the $1.2 billion mark worldwide, totalling $457.1 million domestically and $723.3 million internationally. Universal's Battleship opened a distant No. 2 with $25.4 million domestically, well below industry expectations. Sacha Baron Cohen's comedy The Dictator, in which he plays a tyrannical third-world leader, debuted in third-place with $17.4 million for the weekend.

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On the web

Forrest Gump actor Gary Sinise holding Va concert to raise money for wounded vet's home

DVD reviews

The Woman in Black

Director. James Watkins

Stars. Daniel Radcliffe, Janet McTeer

The Woman in Black is a haunted-house shocker set in the late 19th century in a remote Yorkshire village where the frights are foremost, and the acting of its star, Harry Potter's Daniel Radcliffe, is almost beside the point. You could hardly find a more scream-tested story. Based on Susan Hill's 1983 novel about a phantom woman killing children to avenge the loss of her son, the tale has also been told on stage, radio and in a TV movie. Radcliffe, playing London solicitor Arthur Kipps, must travel to Eel Marsh House, a dwelling so remote it is accessible by horse-drawn cart — and then only when the tide is out. Of course he must stay several nights at the eerie place, ignoring the ghost stories he's heard. Turns out he heard right: at Eel Marsh, Kipps doesn't just see dead people, he's practically stampeded by them, especially in the film's later reels, when The Woman in Black ends up a multi-generational horror show. Extras include a commentary with Watkins and Jane Goldman and two making-of featurettes.

PETER HOWELL

Josh Brolin plays a young Tommy Lee Jones in Men in Black 3. HANDOUT

Hey Brolin, what's a flux capacitor?

Pop quiz. Metro puts Men in Black 3 star Josh Brolin to the test, quizzing him on his knowledge of time travel — Hollywood style

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Josh Brolin knew he was taking on a challenge when he signed on to play a younger version of Tommy Lee Jones in the time-travel-themed Men in Black 3. But how ready was he for the challenge of Metro's Time Travel Pop Quiz? Read on to find out.

First of all, how many gigawatts are required to energize the flux capacitor?
Um... 360,000?

Nope, 1.21.
I'm glad I got that so wrong (laughs).

While time-traveling, can you interact with your past or future self, or would that cause a catastrophic event?
It would cause a catastrophic event. But Boris the Animal does (in Men in Black 3). I just know that time travel as is understood by Hollywood and their storytelling has been if you in any way affect the past that you go into, that it always has a negative effect on the future. That's what I've been told, at least.

Speaking of, say you travel back in time and you arrive standing alone in front of a young Adolf Hitler. What do you do?
Befriend. That'd be the best way to get in there, and then you can detour him. Befriend and detour.

What kind of adventure did Bill and Ted have?
An excellent one. When I met Keanu Reeves, that was the first thing I said. I was like, "Bill and Ted, right on dude!" I did SNL recently and we did The Californians, and I think that was what I did, some version of guys I grew up with and Keanu Reeves in that movie.

In Terminator, is Arnold Schwarzenegger a cyborg, an alien or a wacky twin?
A cyborg, of course. But a different type of cyborg is Robert Patrick in number two, right? What's it called?

The T-1000.
The T-1000. Very good, man. You know your stuff.

Which movie, in your opinion, gets time travel the most right?
God, man. Time Bandits by Terry Gilliam was probably my favorite time travel movie that I've seen, just because it was so fantastical, and Terry Gilliam is such a brilliant director. Like Brazil and Fear and Loathing, the lenses that he uses are so warped and all that. It's brilliant. I like that movie a lot.

I'll give you a chance to redeem yourself on the gigawatts question if you can tell me how fast the DeLoreon in Back to the Future has to go to travel through time.
Oh God, I know this. Sixty-five?

Eighty-eight.
F–! I wouldn't get very far.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Justin Bieber goes gaga for Selena Gomez's costar?

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"Thank you for the time I had with you but I have to move on now," Justin Bieber posted to his account. This comes after rumours that when visiting the set of girlfriend Selena Gomez's new movie, Spring Breakers, he fell for her nearly identical costar, Vanessa Hudgens (better known in this column as Zac Efron's unworthy ex).

For her part, Gomez closed her Instagram account, then took to Facebook with a photo of herself at a shooting range with the ominous caption, "Released some stress today."Twitter, Instagram, Facebook: are you following this? Forget that these two are famous — it's nearly impossible for any teenager to get dumped with a little dignity these days. We never thought we'd say this, but long live the days of dial-up AOL in your parents' dining room.

Call in the Army

After Van Halen cancelled the remainder of their tour on Friday, tribute band Van Halen's Army offered to step in. "They have an obligation to fulfill ... somebody signs up to do the job they should complete it," a guitarist identified as Joe tells TMZ.

Robin Gibb

Bee Gees singer Robin Gibb passes away

Less than a week after the passing of Donna Summer, another titan of disco is gone. "The family of Robin Gibb, of the Bee Gees, announce with great sadness that Robin passed away today following his long battle with cancer and intestinal surgery," a rep confirmed to Us Weekly in a statement. "The family have asked that their privacy is respected at this very difficult time." Gibb, who had been battling cancer for years, fell into a coma last month but recovered.

Tara Reid

Tara Reid parties it up in Cannes

Despite her efforts to present a cleaned up and mature image while promoting American Reunion, Tara Reid seems to be up to her old tricks. The troubled actress has been living it up in Cannes this weekend, where she was spotted looking worse for the wear while hurrying from one night club to another in the wee hours, according to the Daily Mail. Reid remains unapologetic about her penchant for celebrating. "It's not like going out and getting drunk is a crime, lots of people do it," she tells the U.K.'s Loaded magazine.

Twitter

@SteveCarell
For breakfast, my son ate: a chocolate chip waffle, a scoop of peanut butter, and a meatball. #Fatheroftheyear

@AlbertBrooks
Was in the desert for two days with no computer, tv, or anything. Just nature. Nature looks fatter in person.

@rosie
Reading OK mag 4 the first time - kinda shocked at how many people I do not know

@SteveMartinToGo
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: A thing that will be something soon, coming, I'm sure, in the future, at some point.

Katy Perry ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

The one that got away: Katy Perry sings about marriage breakup

While Katy Perry's last big breakup hit, Part of Me, proved to have been written before her marriage to, and split from, Russell Brand, sources say her latest single, Wide Awake, is most certainly about her 14-month marriage to the British comedian, according to People magazine.

"I wish I knew then what I know now," Perry sings on the track. "Wouldn't dive in, wouldn't bow down." Seems pretty fitting.

"It's obviously about Russell," a source says. Perry hasn't commented on the inspiration for the track.

Quoted

"I wish I knew then what I know now."

Katy Perry
Lyrics from her latest single, Wide Awake.

3 LIFE

Post-travel yoga

Need a vacation after your vacation? Here's an easy yoga sequence to ease travel-related stress, doable in a hotel room, at home or anywhere.

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News in London, U.K.

A long journey can leave you feeling disorientated, stiff and groggy. You feel so rubbish you wonder why you bothered leaving in the first place.

Stop whining and get moving. Yoga can be done anywhere, any time, so rather than suppress a yawn, do this simple sequence in your hotel room to boost your energy levels and restore core strength.

The poses will get your blood circulation going and help open up tight hips, backs, necks and shoulders, all of which get cramped when travelling, says yoga instructor Kristin McGee, who trains comedienne Tina Fey.

Quote

"Downward dog inversions will revive your brain and relieve you from back pain and insomnia."
McGee

1 Cat

The combination of Cat and Cow pose provides a gentle massage to the spine and stretches the neck.

How to: From tabletop position, exhale and round your spine towards the ceiling. Release your head toward the floor. Inhale and come back into a neutral tabletop.

2 Cow

How to: Inhale and lift your sitting bones and chest toward the ceiling. Allow your belly to sink toward the floor. Lift your head and look straight forward. Exhale and come back into neutral.

Alternate between Cat and Cow for 5-8 cycles making sure you link breath and movement.

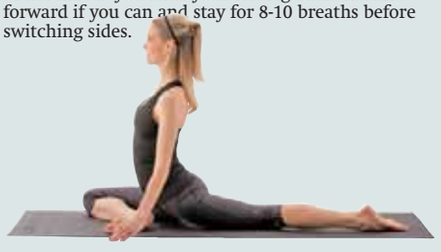
3 Downward Facing Dog

If you're feeling sluggish, downward dog inversions will revive your brain and relieve you from back pain and insomnia.

How to: From Cow, tuck your toes under and press back into a Downward-Facing Dog. Hold for 1-3 minutes.

4 One-Legged King Pigeon

Stretches the thighs, chest and neck and opens up the shoulders. Perfect if you've been sitting down too long. How to: From Downward-Facing Dog, slide your right knee forward and parallel to the front of the mat as you slide your left leg back. Recline forward if you can and stay for 8-10 breaths before switching sides.



Heart issues

Men are more immune to mental stress

Women are more likely to suffer heart trouble following an emotional episode than men, claim scientists from the Penn State College of Medicine. They found that while mental stress increased coronary blood flow in men, it caused no change in women, potentially putting women at a greater risk of developing heart problems.
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Wedding etiquette

Tips for small talk

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Hello Charles the Butler! When I go to my friends' weddings, like everyone else I have to sit at a table of about 10 people, but I often don't know most of them. Am I honestly expected to talk to these strangers at my table?

It would be very rude to arrive at a dinner table, sit down, and not speak to anyone except the person beside you!

Yes, you need to socially make an effort and try to introduce yourself to all of the others at the table and you need to make polite conversation with them.

Now often people have trouble making "small talk" as they do not know what to say, so here is a trick I teach people. Read the newspaper the morning of your event. By reading the paper, this allows you to know what is going on around the world and have topics of conversations with people as this gives you many, many things to talk about. If you can't get a paper, listen to the news on the radio or go online.

When at a wedding, it's considered rude to ignore the strangers at your table. Try to make conversation. ISTOCK

Author Tracy McMillan HANDOUT

Not your average dating advice

Candid. Tracy McMillan tells it like it is

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro New York

Hey ladies, want to know why you can't seem to find a long-term relationship? Tracy McMillan has some choice words for you. She says it's either because you're a b—, a slut, a mess, a liar, selfish, not good enough, crazy, shallow or godless.

But before you get up in arms over these accusations, know that what she means isn't as harsh as those pronouncements sound. For example, by saying "you're not good enough," McMilllian explains that it's a woman's negative attitude about herself that allows her to accept poor treatment from men.

She adds that, "A lot of people go looking for in a partner something that they don't even realize that they believe is missing in themselves."

But the extreme nature of the bullet points of McMillan's message did make her original Huffington Post essay, Why You're Not Married, set a record number of page views for the site since it was posted in February 2011.

McMillan's straight talk about how women can sabotage their own relationships is the kind of sage wisdom most dating books avoid.

"Finding someone that you are going to love one day at a time for the rest of your life isn't something you can hunt down and kill," McMillan says.

"You need to operate in the part that's kind of beyond what you can control. What that means to me is that he may not look like what he's supposed to look like or have the job you think he's supposed to have. What you need could be very different from what you think you want, and I feel like a lot of dating advice books don't speak to that."

McMillan explains that love is work — "the ultimate yoga" — and that it's about examining our own behaviours before blaming the dating market.

"It's not easy to love another person because we're all really flawed, but I think if you can learn how to love yourself with your own flaws and work at making yourself better, you can also love another person and create a space for them to make themselves better," she says.

Where does McMillan get all this great advice from? Being married three times.

She freely admits that she's made every mistake in the book, but all that experience has sharpened her sensibilities when it comes to dating.

Buy the book

- Why You're Not Married ... Yet will be released on May 29.

Go-getter sends email survey to woman after dates

We all remember ye olde tale of the online dater who organized his potential matches using a spreadsheet rankings of the women on a scale of one to 10.

Now, brace yourself for the latest star of the awkward dating techniques show.

Meet Mike, a 24-year-old finance worker based in Philadelphia, who is just looking for a little feedback. Unfortunately for him, his former dating partner seized the opportunity to humiliate him after she was sent a survey about her interaction with Mike once they agreed to stop seeing each other.

The young woman met Mike on OKCupid and told Deadspin that he is "six feet, overall moderately attractive." However, after a few dates, she realized it just wasn't "there."

"He struck me as a little socially inept hence why I was starting to doubt the 'non-physical' attraction," she told Deadspin. "He wasn't too creepy, just the type of guy who over analyzes every detail and feels completely awkward in the majority of social situations. It didn't seem like he got out much."

And that's when Mike sent the survey ... in an email ... with a subject line including a Romeo & Juliet passage.

"Good Night, Good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow, that I shall say good night till it be morrow," if you must know.

So what is it that Mike wants to know? Basically, all of the questions everyone wonders after a date, but never ever asks because it would be super weird and socially inappropriate to do so. For example, "Mike is very masculine. At any point; did you feel he was compensating for anything?"

This guy needs to know when to call it quits. ISTOCK

Here's another perfectly reasonable question: "Are you a feminist? — your answer is for informational purposes only."

Also, in case she wanted to leave Mike any final thoughts, he included an area where she could "feel free to use the space below to draw Mike a picture."

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Occasionally 'what happens in Vegas' actually follows you home. ISTOCK IMAGES

What to do when someone 'shows you the money'

Financial windfall. It's not a dilemma we often have but sometimes a pile of cash comes your way. So what should you do with it?

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"A divorce," once noted Margaret Atwood, "is like an amputation: you survive it, but there's less of you." This usually means financially too.

But a friend of a colleague here at Metro, is exiting her marriage with a slightly fatter wallet, $20,000 to be exact. And now she's wondering what to do with it.

Confession. After my own divorce eons ago I bought a red telephone and a sexy green Karmann Ghia. However, with the wisdom of time at my disposal, I'd suggest something different.

First of all, take a breath; park the $20,000 in a short term GIC or high interest savings account for at least a couple of months until the emotional dust settles a bit.

Second, after a windfall of any kind, ask the question, "Who are you?" Spending, saving and investing is entirely dependent on your personality and situation. A young, safely employed, debt-less divorcee with no kids could justify a fab trip, a killer new wardrobe or cool wheels.

On the other hand, debt, dependents and dreams might steer you in a different path. Let's say you have sizeable RRSP (registered retirement savings plan) contribution room. Deploying most of the funds to retirement savings might yield a nice refund next year, which could then be used to pay down debt.

If kids are in the picture dividing the money up between an RRSP and an RESP (registered education savings plan) would provide a smaller tax refund but the RESP deposit will attract a 20 per cent government grant.

Now to dreams! I always advise those receiving a windfall to do a little dreaming about the future. It could be more education, a home or even a business. A few years back one reader took a chunk of her divorce settlement and bought a commercial grade sewing machine, cutting table and fitting dummy. She now has a internet business custom sewing for hard-to-fit folk.

If you have kids you might want to indulge their dreams also. But take care with this because spending to assuage the pain of divorce is a temporary bandage at best.

Next week, I'll offer a few ideas for investing the windfall.

Alison's money rule

Financial windfalls are rare. Treasure them and be slow to make spending decisions.

Statistic

4/10

Four in 10 Canadian marriages end in divorce

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House hunting

Activating Plan B – become a future landlord

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What makes for a profitable rental income property? ISTOCK IMAGES

I cannot help my frugal self — I refuse to pay more for something than it's worth. I'm nearing 30 days left before my house sale closes and I cannot seem to find a new property that fits my criteria AND has reasonable potential for added value.

So, this week I began exploring an entirely new home-buying idea. What if, instead of succumbing to the pressure to buy an over-priced inner-city detached home, I bought with an entirely new set of criteria; a small, centrally located condo with high rental income potential?

I'll live in it for a few years, and when I finally do find the right shack, I can rent out the condo and move into my more affordably priced dream home.

This idea led me to hours of Google research to determine what characteristics I should look for in a profitable rental income property.

Buying in a good neighbourhood will help attract quality tenants. If you would like to rent to a family, the property needs to be located near schools and playgrounds.

Proximity to downtown would be important in attracting a downtown professional. A low neighbourhood crime rate would make tenants feel safe.

Locations that have growing employment opportunities attract a high volume of potential tenants. You can determine which communities are growing by researching on Statistics Canada or by visiting your local librarian.

Municipal planning departments can inform you on **what other developments are set to take place near your rental property**. Generally speaking, if there's significant development zoned for your area, like malls or condos, growth is expected. But certain developments, like a major thoroughfare could increase noise and decrease green-space which will hurt your tenant prospects.

Vacancy rates indicate how successful you'll be at attracting tenants. Low vacancy rates allow landlords to maintain or raise rental rates. Alternatively, high vacancy rates force landlords to lower rents to scoop up tenants.

The **condition of the property** can be determined by a home inspector. Avoid ones with structural integrity issues. Inexpensive aesthetic changes can be made to 'healthy' properties that will attract tenants.

Rental rate will determine whether the property is to be profitable. If the rent is not enough to cover the mortgage, condo fees, and taxes, keep looking around.

The bottom line on rental properties is that they're supposed to contribute to your equity and monthly cash flow, not the opposite. In my case, it may serve a secondary purpose — it buys me time to find the right house while building up a long-term investment.

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Hot Bites. Spicy salsa, rice and cheese nibbles have flavour of nachos

1. In a large bowl, combine rice and cheese; set aside.

2. In another bowl, beat eggs until well blended. Stir in salsa, sour cream, salt and pepper. Add salsa mixture to rice and cheese; mix well.

3. Spray miniature muffin pans with vegetable cooking spray. Spoon about 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) of rice mixture into each cup, filling to just below the rim. Sprinkle crushed chips over filling, pressing slightly with back of spoon.

4. Bake in 180 C (350 F) oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm with additional salsa and sour cream, if using. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ RICEINFO.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)

Ingredients

- 750 ml (3 cups) cooked brown rice
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded pepper jack cheese
- 4 eggs
- 1 jar (500 ml/16 oz) medium thick and chunky salsa
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sour cream
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt, pepper
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) crushed corn tortilla chips
- Additional salsa and sour cream, for garnish

Of cheap pub bites, pints of beer and monkey dressing

Beef Taco Salad ($5.79). DAN CLAPSON

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Known more, perhaps, for its late night rowdiness and cool tunes, The Drum and Monkey makes a great destination for a casual lunch with friends.

The pub offers typical fare like burgers and sandwiches, but I wasn't feeling overly hungry this particular afternoon, so I decided on a half order of Beef Taco Salad ($5.79).

You'll be hard-pressed to find a salad this size for under $6 nowadays.

The bowl was full of lettuce, shredded cheese, peppers, jalapenos, topped with a pile of ground beef and the eatery's 'monkey house dressing' drizzled on top.

I don't think there were any monkeys in the dressing, but there was definitely some chipotle.

Did this salad change my life? No it did not, but, it was good enough.

And, let's get real here, any day when you can grab a lunch and a pint of beer for less than $12 is a good day indeed!

Visiting the restaurant

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Lunch with co-workers. Yes

Social lunch. Yes

Quick solo lunch. No

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Simplicity of comforting Southern faves

These Shrimp and Grits with Spinach and Tomatoes are inspired by a recipe from Nathalie Dupree, cookbook author and Southern entertainer extraordinaire.

It's simple to make offers Southern comfort.

1. In a 4-quart Dutch oven over medium-high, combine the water and butter. Bring the mixture to a boil, then add grits, stirring as you do so.

2. Return everything to a boil, then reduce heat to low to maintain a simmer. Cook, alternating with the lid on and off for 40 minutes, or until the grifts are soft but not mushy. If they get too stiff, add milk or water. The grits should be loose and creamy.

3. Stir in the Boursin and cheddar cheeses, and the salt and pepper. Add the shrimp, stir and let simmer until cooked through, about 4 minutes.

4. Just before serving the grits, stir in 3 cups of spinach and let wilt 2 minutes. Garnish with the grape tomatoes and a generous amount of grated Parmesan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZABETH KARMEL (GRILLING AND SOUTHERN FOODS EXPERT AND EXECUTIVE CHEF AT HILL COUNTRY BARBECUE MARKET RESTAURANTS AND HILL COUNTRY CHICKEN IN U.S.)

Ingredients

- 3 cups water
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 cup corn grits
- Half of a 5.2-ounce wheel of Boursin cheese
- 1/2 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 to 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 lb raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 3 cups baby spinach
- 1/2 cup grape tomatoes, halved
- Parmesan cheese

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Tennis

Nadal claims one more title on clay

Rafael Nadal showed Novak Djokovic he's still the man to beat on clay, defeating the top-ranked Serb 7-5, 6-3 Monday in a rain-delayed final to win his record sixth Italian Open.

After losing to Djokovic in seven straight finals, Nadal has now won two in a row against the Serb after also taking the Monte Carlo Masters title on clay.

"I don't think I played that well, I can do better," Nadal said. "When you are not serving 100 per cent perfect then you are in trouble, because he returns hard. I am trying to play more aggressive."

With the French Open starting Sunday, both players said they have room to improve. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rafael Nadal, left, and Novak Djokovic on Monday in Rome. GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Thunder rolling on to play Spurs in Western finals

Russell Westbrook scored 28 points, Kevin Durant added 25 points and 10 rebounds, and the Oklahoma City Thunder surged ahead in the second half to beat Los Angeles 106-90 in Game 5 on Monday night and eliminate the Lakers from the playoffs.

The Thunder open the Western Conference finals on Sunday at top-seeded San Antonio.

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Devils goalie Martin Brodeur with New York's Mike Rupp on Monday night in Newark, N.J. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gloves come off as Devils draw even

NHL. Hatred between regional rivals erupts as New Jersey takes Game 4 from New York

Game 4

Devils	Rangers
4	1

This Battle of the Hudson is turning black-and-blue.

Some of that is a result of clashes on ice, and some the result of the air turned blue by two coaches, Peter DeBoer and John Tortorella, who can't resist sparring with one another.

The result is an Eastern Conference final deadlocked after four games that, despite an absence of compelling hockey, is nonetheless becoming rather compelling as it turns into a best-of-three competition.

"The best hockey is yet to come," said New Jersey goalkeeper Martin Brodeur.

"I'm very optimistic," said Tortorella, the New York Rangers coach. "I'm truly confident we'll respond in the proper way."

The Rangers surely did not do that on Monday night in Game 4, a solid 4-1 Devils victory that once again, as has been the case for the majority of this series, showed Jersey to be the more creative and aggressive of the two teams.

They've been shutout in two of the four games, but even in those losses they were the better team for two-thirds of the contest. You have to believe that to win this series the Rangers have to produce a dominant effort of their own, one in which they don't spend the night as a punching bag.

In Game 4, they punched back, but not in the way that's going to win them a hockey game. With Tortorella accusing DeBoer's team of diving and flopping in the wake of a one-game suspension to Rangers forward Brandon Prust for a flagrant elbow to the back of Anton Volchenkov's head, 6-foot-5 Mike Rupp decided to take a poke at the 40-year-old Brodeur in the third period after moments earlier making an illegal hit on another Devil.

""I guess he was pumped up and wanted to get at somebody," said Brodeur.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bass drops the boom as Celtics top Sixers

Celtics guard Ray Allen shoots over 76ers forwards Thaddeus Young and Andre Iguodala in Boston on Monday night. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Game 5

Celtics	76ers
101	85

Brandon Bass scored 18 of his post-season career-high 27 points in the third quarter on Monday night as the Boston Celtics pulled away from the Philadelphia 76ers to win 101-85 and take a 3-2 lead in their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Kevin Garnett added 20 points and Rajon Rondo had 13 points and 14 assists for the Celtics, who can advance to the East finals with a victory in Philadelphia on Wednesday. The Sixers need a win to force the series back to Boston for a decisive Game 7 on Saturday.

Elton Brand scored 19 and Evan Turner had 11 points and 10 rebounds for Philadelphia, which led by six points early in the third quarter before Boston scored 14 of the next 16 points. Bass scored eight of them, including back-to-back dunks followed by a steal that set up Ray Allen's fast-break layup to give the Celtics a 63-57 lead with five minutes left in the quarter.

Boston closed out the third with a 10-2 run over the final three minutes and outscored the Sixers 28-16 in the period. The Celtics also scored 16 of the first 22 points in the fourth quarter — seven from Rondo — to put away the game.

Paul Pierce had 16 points — going 9 for 9 from the free throw line — and Allen, back in the starting lineup because of an injury to Avery Bradley, had five points.

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4 SPORTS

Cycling

"Sure there's hard moments and you're suffering and you'd rather be other places, but the rewards you get back from persevering, that's what keeps you here and I wouldn't trade anything for it."

Canada's Ryder Hesjedal on Monday. It doesn't get much bigger than this for Hesjedal. Standing second overall, the 31-year-old from Victoria has five stages and 925 kilometres to go before the storied race finishes Sunday in Milan. Hesjedal, the designated leader of the Garmin-Barracuda team, is 30 seconds back of Spain's Joaquin Rodriguez.

On the web

Peyton Manning suited up for his first full practice with the Broncos on Monday and according to Denver cornerback Champ Bailey, the four-time MVP "hasn't missed a beat" after being sidelined for over 16 months with a neck injury. Scan the code for the story.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	27	16	.628	—
Tampa Bay	25	18	.581	2
Toronto	24	19	.558	3
Boston	21	21	.500	5½
New York	21	21	.500	5½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	23	18	.561	—
Chicago	21	21	.500	2½
Detroit	20	21	.488	3
Kansas City	17	24	.415	6
Minnesota	14	27	.341	9

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	26	16	.619	—
Oakland	21	21	.500	5
Seattle	19	24	.442	7½
Los Angeles	18	24	.429	8

Last night's results
Boston 8, Baltimore 6
Kansas City 6, N.Y. Yankees 0
Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 2
L.A. Angels at Oakland
Texas at Seattle

Tonight's games

All Times Eastern
Boston (Doubront 4-1) at Baltimore (Matusz 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 3-3) at Cleveland (Jimenez 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Hochevar 3-4) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hutchison 3-1) at Tampa Bay (M.Moore 1-4), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Walters 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 3-4), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 4-4) at Oakland (Godfrey 0-3), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (M.Harrison 4-3) at Seattle (Noesi 2-4), 10:10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Boston at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 3:35 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 3:40 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at Seattle

INTERLEAGUE

Sunday's results
Cincinnati 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Miami 5, Cleveland 3
Detroit 4, Pittsburgh 3
N.Y. Mets 6, Toronto 5
Washington 9, Baltimore 3
Boston 5, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 2, Tampa Bay 0
Texas 6, Houston 1
Arizona 2, Kansas City 0
Milwaukee 16, Minnesota 4
Chicago White Sox 6, Chicago Cubs 0
Seattle 6, Colorado 4
San Diego 3, L.A. Angels 2, 13 innings
Oakland 6, San Francisco 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	26	17	.605	—
Washington	25	17	.595	½
Miami	23	19	.548	2½
New York	22	20	.524	3½
Philadelphia	21	22	.488	5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	23	19	.548	—
Cincinnati	22	19	.537	½
Pittsburgh	20	22	.476	3
Houston	19	23	.452	4
Milwaukee	17	24	.415	5½
Chicago	15	27	.357	8

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	28	13	.683	—
San Francisco	21	20	.512	7
Arizona	19	23	.452	9½
San Diego	16	27	.372	13
Colorado	15	26	.366	13

Last night's results
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Mets 4
Washington 2, Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 1
Miami 7, Colorado 4
Houston 8, Chicago Cubs 4
San Francisco at Milwaukee
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona
St. Louis 4, San Diego 3

Sunday's result
L.A. Dodgers 6, St. Louis 5

Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
N.Y. Mets (Dickey 5-1) at Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 2-4) at Philadelphia (Halladay 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Beachy 5-1) at Cincinnati (Latos 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Nicasio 2-1) at Miami (Nolasco 4-2), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 0-0) at Houston (Happ 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (M.Cain 3-2) at Milwaukee (Marcum 2-2), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Volquez 2-3) at St. Louis (Wainwright 2-5), 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Harang 3-2) at Arizona (Cahill 2-4), 9:40 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 6, RAYS 2

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
KJhnsn 2b	2	1	0	1	Zobrist rf	5	0	1	0
YEscor ss	4	2	2	1	BUpton cf	4	1	1	1
Bautist rf	4	0	0	1	Joyce lf	2	1	0	0
Encrnc 1b	4	0	1	1	C.Pena 1b	3	0	0	0
Arencii dh	4	1	2	0	Scott dh	3	0	0	0
Thams lf	3	0	1	1	SRdrgz 3b	4	0	1	1
RDavis lf	1	0	0	0	Rhyms 2b	4	0	2	0
Lawrie 3b	4	0	0	0	EJhnsn ss	4	0	0	0
Rasms cf	4	2	2	0	JMolin c	2	0	0	0
Mathis c	3	0	0	0					
Totals	**33**	**6**	**8**	**5**	**Totals**		**31**	**2**	**5**	**2**
Toronto					**011**	**001**	**030**	**6**
Tampa Bay					**101**	**000**	**000**	**2**

E—Drabek (2), S.Rodriguez (6), Badenhop (1), Rhymes (5). DP—Toronto 1, Tampa Bay 2. LOB—Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 8. 2B—Rasmus 2 (7). HR—Y.Escobar (2), B.Upton (3). CS—Zobrist (4). SF—K.Johnson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Drabek W,4-4	6	3	2	2	6	3
Frasor H,7	1	1	0	0	0	2
Cordero	1	0	0	0	0	1
Janssen	1	1	0	0	0	1
Tampa Bay						
Hellickson L,4-1	7 1-3	8	5	2	1	3
Badenhop	2-3	0	1	0	0	1
C.Ramos	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—3:13 (Rain delay: 0:04). A—10,844 (34,078).

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
New York	12	8	3	1	25	17	25
D.C. United	14	7	4	3	25	17	24
Kansas City	11	7	3	1	15	9	22
Chicago	10	4	3	3	12	12	15
Houston	10	3	3	4	10	11	13
New England	11	4	6	1	14	15	13
Columbus	10	3	4	3	9	12	12
Montreal	12	3	6	3	13	18	12
Philadelphia	10	2	6	2	8	13	8
Toronto	9	0	9	0	7	21	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	13	8	3	2	19	12	26
San Jose	12	7	2	3	23	13	24
Seattle	11	7	2	2	15	6	23
Vancouver	11	5	3	3	12	13	18
Colorado	12	5	6	1	17	16	16
Chivas USA	11	4	6	1	7	12	13
Dallas	13	3	6	4	12	19	13
Portland	11	3	5	3	11	14	12
Los Angeles	11	3	6	2	12	16	11

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Sunday's result
Portland 2 Chicago 1
Saturday's results
Seattle 2 Vancouver 2
D.C. United 3 Toronto 1
New York 2 Montreal 1
Houston 2 New England 2
Philadelphia 1 Dallas 1
Kansas City 2 Colorado 2
Chivas USA 1 Los Angeles 0
Columbus 1 San Jose 1
Tomorrow's games
Chivas USA at New York, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Seattle, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 26
Los Angeles at Houston, 2:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
New England at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.
Seattle at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 27
San Jose at Kansas City, 4:30 p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Saturday's result
CHAMPIONSHIP
At Munich
Bayern Munich 1 Chelsea 1 (ET)
(Chelsea wins 4-3 on penalties)

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday's result
Rochester 9 Edmonton 6

TENNIS

ATP-WTA ITALIAN OPEN

At Rome
Yesterday's results
Men
Singles
Championship
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, 7-5, 6-3.

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best of 7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(Series tied 2-2)
Last night's result
New Jersey 4 N.Y. Rangers 1
Saturda's result
N.Y. Rangers 3 New Jersey 0
Tomorrow's game
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 25
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 27
x-New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

PHOENIX (3) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads series 3-1)
Sunday's result
Phoenix 2 Los Angeles 0
Tonight's game
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Thursday's game
x-Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 26
x-Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

DEVILS 4, RANGERS 1

First Period
1. New Jersey, Salvador 3 (Ponikarovsky, Clarkson) 8:10
2. New Jersey, Zajac 6 (Parise, Zubrus) 11:59
Penalties — McDonagh NYR, Henrique NJ (fighting) 9:26, Boyle NYR (holding) 15:25, Volchenkov NJ (tripping) 18:20.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Callahan NYR (roughing), Kovalchuk NJ (slashing) 15:03.
Third Period
3. New Jersey, Parise 5 (Kovalchuk, Henrique) 2:41 (pp)
4. N.Y. Rangers, Fedotenko 1 (Richards, Del Zotto) 14:55
5. New Jersey, Parise 6 (Salvador, Brodeur) 18:31 (en)
Penalties — Stepan NYR (high-sticking) 2:37, Rupp NYR (double roughing, misconduct; served by Del Zotto), Bickel NYR, Carter NJ (roughing, misconduct) 6:18, Hagelin NYR (slashing) 8:58, Hagelin NYR (holding) 11:25, Del Zotto NYR, Ponikarovsky NJ (cross-checking) 19:42.
Shots on goal by

N.Y. Rangers	7	11	11	29
New Jersey	12	9	9	30

Goal — N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (L,10-8-0); New Jersey: Brodeur (W,10-5-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) — N.Y. Rangers: 0-1; New Jersey: 1-5.
Referees — Dan O'Rourke, Chris Rooney.
Linesmen — Jean Morin, Brian Murphy.
Att. — 17,625 (17,625) at New Jersey.

SUNDAY

COYOTES 2, KINGS 0

First Period
1. Phoenix, Doan 4 (Whitney) 14:19 (pp)
Penalties — Whitney Pho (roughing) 1:15, Stoll LA (cross-checking) 6:52, Yandle Pho (roughing), Fraser LA (slashing) 8:12, Aucoin Pho (hooking) 9:24, Williams LA (goaltender interference) 13:54.
Second Period
2. Phoenix, Doan 5 (Vermette) 11:10
Penalties — Doan Pho (slashing) 4:09, Yandle Pho (roughing) 13:09, Martinez LA (holding) 14:26.
Third Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Doan Pho, Morris Pho, Richardson LA (roughing) 3:49, Vermette Pho (hooking) 19:53.
Shots on goal by

Phoenix	5	9	7	21
Los Angeles	10	13	13	36

Goal — Phoenix: Smith (W,9-6-0); Los Angeles: Quick (L,11-2-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Phoenix: 1-3; Los Angeles: 0-6.
Referees — Chris Lee, Kelly Sutherland. **Linesmen** — Derek Amell, Jonny Murray.
Attendance — 18,402 (18,118).

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best of 7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (2) VS. INDIANA (3)
(Series tied 2-2)
Sunday's result
Miami 101 Indiana 93
Tonight's game
Indiana at Miami, 8 p.m.
Thursday's game
Miami at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 26
x-Indiana at Miami, TBD

BOSTON (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (8)
(Boston leads series 3-2)
Last night's result
Boston 101 Philadelphia 85
Friday's result
Philadelphia 92 Boston 83
Tomorrow's game
Boston at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 26
x-Philadelphia at Boston, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. L.A. CLIPPERS (5)
(San Antonio wins series 4-0)
Sunday's result
San Antonio 102 L.A. Clippers 99
Saturday's result
San Antonio 96 L.A. Clippers 86

OKLAHOMA CITY (2) VS. L.A. LAKERS (3)
(Oklahoma City leads series 3-1)
Last night's result
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City
Saturday's result
Oklahoma City 103 L.A. Lakers 100
Friday's result
L.A. Lakers 99 Oklahoma City 96
Tomorrow's game
x-Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 27
x-L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, TBD
x - played only if necessary.

GOLF

PGA BYRON NELSON CHAMPIONSHIP

At Irving, Texas
Par 70 (35-35) — Final Round

Jason Dufner (500), $1,170,000	67-66-69-67—269
Dicky Pride (300), $702,000	66-68-69-67—270
Jonas Blixt (134), $312,000	68-70-67-66—271
Joe Durant (134), $312,000	70-71-65-65—271
J.J. Henry (134), $312,000	68-68-67-68—271
Marc Leishman (134), $312,000	65-69-71-66—271
Ken Duke (88), $209,625	69-67-72-66—274
Phil Mickelson (88), $209,625	70-69-69-66—274
Jason Bohn (68), $156,000	70-70-67-68—275
Jason Day (68), $156,000	68-68-67-72—275

HOCKEY

IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

SEMIFINALS
Saturday's results
At Helsinki
Russia 6, Finland 2
Slovakia 3, Czech Republic 1
Sunday's result
At Helsinki
Bronze Medal
Czech Republic 3, Finland 2
Gold Medal
Russia 6, Slovakia 2

CHAMPIONS

2012 — Russia
2011 — Finland
2010 — Czech Republic
2009 — Russia
2008 — Russia
2007 — Canada
2006 — Sweden
2005 — Czech Republic
2004 — Canada
2003 — Canada
2002 — Slovakia
2001 — Czech Republic
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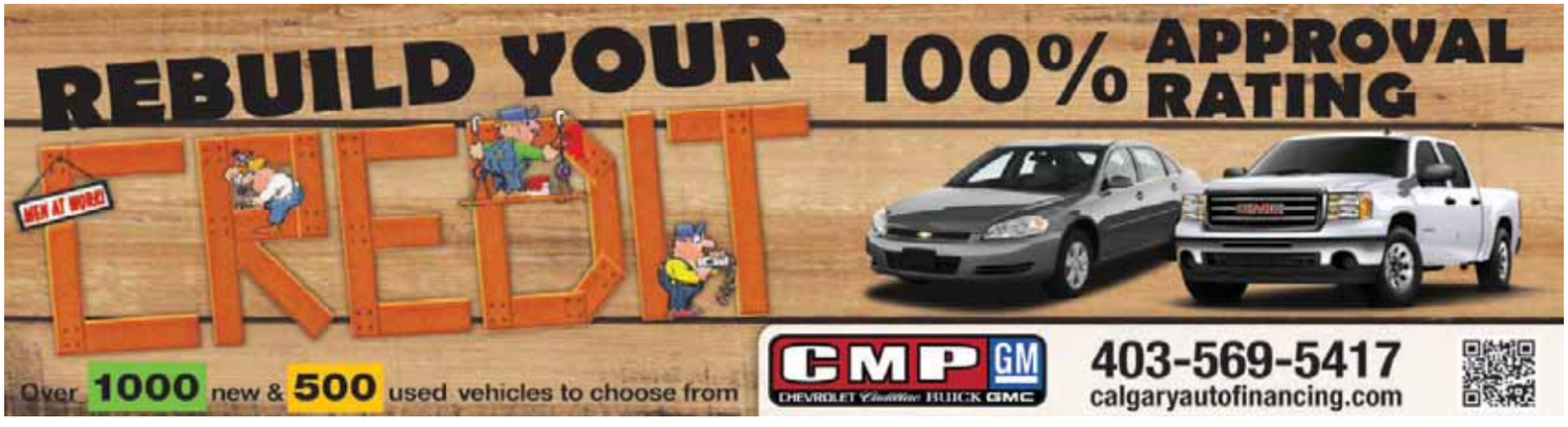
1997 — Canada
1996 — Czech Republic
1995 — Finland
1994 — Canada
1993 — Russia
1992 — Sweden
1991 — Sweden
1990 — Soviet Union
1989 — Soviet Union
1988 — Winter Olympics
1987 — Sweden
1986 — Soviet Union
1985 — Czechoslovakia
1984 — Winter Olympics
1983 — Soviet Union
1982 — Soviet Union
1981 — Soviet Union
1980 — Winter Olympics
1979 — Soviet Union
1978 — Soviet Union
1977 — Czechoslovakia

MEMORIAL CUP

CANADIAN MAJOR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Shawinigan, Que.
All Times Eastern
ROUND ROBIN
Last night's result
Saint John 5 Edmonton 2
Sunday's result
Shawinigan 6 London 2
Saturday's result
London 5 Saint John 3
Tuesday Game
London vs. Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Wednesday Game
Shawinigan vs. Saint John, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 24
Tiebreaker (if required)
Third vs. Fourth Places, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 25
Semifinal
Second vs. Third Places, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 26
No Games Scheduled.
Sunday, May 27
Championship



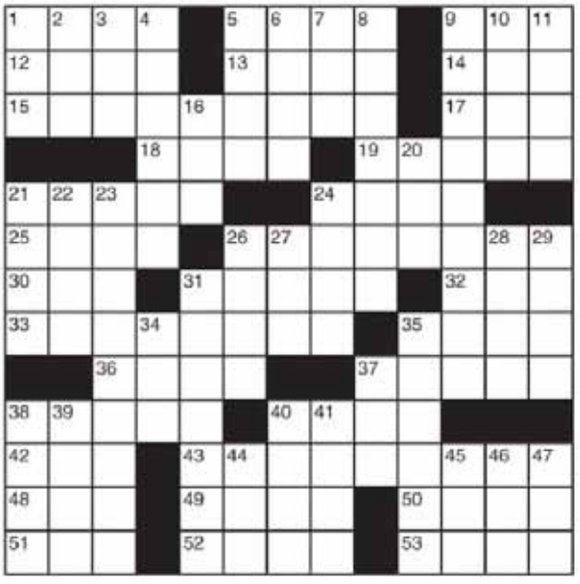
Crossword

Across

1 Record
5 Dieter's target
9 Satchel
12 Ontario neighbor
13 Staffer
14 Altar affirmative
15 Big rat
17 Hair-care product
18 Congregational cry
19 Stormed
21 Puny one
24 "David Copperfield" girl
25 Congers
26 Fleet of ships
30 Ms. MacGraw
31 Nut-bearing hardwood tree
32 Chic no longer
33 Washington volcano
35 Horseback game
36 Caspian Sea feeder
37 Arise
38 Actress Black
40 Aspiration
42 Past
43 Unpredictable venture
48 Writer Buscaglia
49 Enormous
50 Initial stake
51 NYC winter hrs.
52 "Zounds!"
53 Apportion

Down

1 Society newbie
2 401(k) alternative
3 Sermon subject
4 Lebanon trees
5 Confront
6 Yellow Brick Road follower
7 Big bother
8 Promise to wed
9 Oaf
10 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
11 Prospector's dream
16 Mischievous tyke
20 "Exodus" figure
21 Pekoe et al.
22 Lump raised by a blow
23 Secretary of war, 1899-1904
24 Medical types
26 Sense
27 Author Deighton
28 Humdinger
29 On
31 A Streetcar Named Desire role
34 Before
35 The Taking of — One Two Three
37 Petrol
38 Hardy cabbage
39 Quite some time
40 Enthusiastic
41 Newspaper page
44 Bad hairpiece
45 A Chorus Line song
46 Mel of Cooperstown
47 Driving site



Sudoku

3			9	4				6
	1					3	5	
	6			7	5			9
					7			1
		8				7		
1			2					
9			8	5			6	
	2	7					8	
5				9	4			2

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	2	8	7	5	9	3	1	4
5	9	1	2	4	3	8	7	6
3	4	7	1	8	6	5	9	2
4	6	3	8	2	7	9	5	1
8	7	2	5	9	1	6	4	3
9	1	5	3	6	4	7	2	8
7	3	9	6	1	2	4	8	5
2	8	6	4	7	5	1	3	9
1	5	4	9	3	8	2	6	7

Friday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

JUPL ARV ZQPPM KRLZJQGMPQ XQEPL PLMUVKGXKMGBXEEA, RLP BRVEF KVWWRKP MUXM ARV UPQXEF UXQREF.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A CHURCH PASTOR IS VERY FRIENDLY AND GREGARIOUS, I'D HAVE TO SAY HE'S A PEOPLE PARSON.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals Y

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Weather

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
MAX: 15° MIN: 9°	MAX: 7° MIN: 6°	MAX: 13° MIN: 3°

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WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Keep your wits about you today, because the planets indicate there is money to be made.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. As from today there should be no further doubts about what it is you desire and what it is you intend to do with your life.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Some thoughts can be shared and some thoughts are best kept to yourself.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. There is a lot you can do on your own but there is absolutely nothing you cannot do with like-minded friends by your side.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. If ever there was the perfect time to impress employers and other important people that time is now. Be brilliant.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You may have an overwhelming urge to get away from your everyday environment but because you have duties to perform that might not be possible today.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. The Sun in Gemini at this time of year encourages you to think in new ways.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Don't try to analyze why you feel so good today because the more you chase after the feeling the more it will slip away from you.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Success is yours if you have the right attitude. And what is that? That you are a blessing on the world.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Even the most tongue-tied of Capricorns will express themselves beautifully today.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Take life as it comes and don't worry about tomorrow or the day after that.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Go out of your way to get along with people today, even people you might prefer to avoid. Everyone you meet has something to teach you.

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Lily

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